

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 2793 - HB 2922**

February 17, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Human Services to provide a family services counseling program to persons who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and who present special barriers to successful job training or education. Limits the program to developmental disabilities, substance abuse or domestic or sexual abuse.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

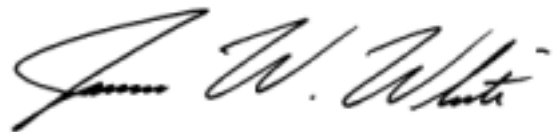
**For Information Purposes - The bill would increase the number of recipients eligible for the current program and terminate the eligibility of some current recipients by limiting certain services. The net impact is estimated to be minimal.**

Estimate assumes:

- the Department of Human Services currently operates a Family Services Counseling Program at a cost of \$7,300,000 for about 2,500 recipients.
- the bill limits the type of problems that may be addressed and excludes some eligibility categories served in the current program. This would reduce the cost of the existing program.
- the bill includes some new eligibility categories that would lead to new participants in the program and also lead to an increased cost.
- the bill may contain a drafting error by providing that barriers qualifying for treatment *shall include but are to be limited to developmental disabilities, substance abuse or domestic or sexual abuse.*
- the changes in the bill as drafted will offset one another and the net impact is minimal.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director